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ANNOUNCEMENT

In February, a meeting on the highest level took place between the Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP), the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) and the Socialist Workers' Party of Turkey (TSİP). The three parties discussed the developments within the country and the international situation. They exchanged information on their parties. They studied the problems concerning the political unity of the working class and a broad front. They searched for facilities for unity of action around concrete aims.

The three parties decided that the relations among them should be carried out from now on regularly, that the political campaigns launched by them should be as coordinated or united as possible within the framework of a program, that the work foreseeing to lay down the foundations of a broad front should start, in order to widespread and reinforce the struggle, that the principles, spheres and targets of the front should be set up, and that utmost efforts must be intensified, in order to gain all patriotic and democratic forces for this front. The parties will carry out their joint work on the basis of the principle of equality.

The delegations of the three parties expressed all problems openly at the meeting. The participants determined that there are differences of opinion among them in regard with the question of the unity of the working class. Each party is continuing to defend all principle positions which it has been defending up today.

The three parties decided to organise joint symposiums on a series of ideological and political issues. They are sharing together the common view that the differences of opinion among them could be overcome within the framework of brotherly cooperation, within the struggles of the working and toiling masses, and within the process of unity of action.

After the meeting, the three parties ratified the document with the title: "Joint appeal of TİP, TKP and TSİP".

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JOINT APPEAL OF TİP, TKP, AND TSİP

The Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP), the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) and the Socialist Workers' Party of Turkey (TSİP) decided after their meeting to make public the following joint appeal:

Today, peace in the world is facing more serious dangers than ever. Imperialism, is carrying the responsibility for that. Reagan, who is acting in the inter-

national relations not on the basis of detente, but of the policy of strength, is accelerating since his nomination to the US administration the arms race, especially the nuclear arms race in dimensions never seen before in the history and which are taking the shape of madness. The US view that a "limited nuclear war" is possible, is making a nuclear war as a real threat. The decision of deploying new nuclear missiles to Western Europe which is opposed by all peace loving peoples of Europe, is displaying the dimensions of the danger.

The development of the struggle of all peace loving, progressive and democratic forces against the nuclear arms race, the war mongering policy and the preparations for a war is an urgent task. The most burning problem of the day is to prevent a nuclear war and to preserve peace in the world. It is possible to repel this aggressive policy of imperialism. The persistent peace policy of the Soviet Union and the socialist community is the strongest support for the peace forces all over the world and the greatest guarantee in order to safeguard peace.

The efforts of US imperialism since a long time to create a storm in regard with Poland have the aims to hide its aggressive policy and to drive back the raising peace movement. The normalisation of the situation in Poland after the measures taken and the defeat of the enemies of socialism who sought to seize the power with the support of imperialism, are welcomed by all people's forces in our country as well as in the world. These developments frustrated the plans of separating Poland from socialist community, as well as they have served for the preservation of peace. In this regard, the increasing hysteria of the Reagan administration is an open proof of the fact that USA is standing behind the counter revolutionary movement in Poland.

The Reagan administration is also continuing the same war mongering policy in the Middle East. Pentagon, who is trying to make use of our territory for its "Rapid Deployment Forces" within the framework of its expansionist aims in the Middle East and to widen its bases on our territory, makes secret plans to deploy nuclear missiles to Turkey after their installment to Western Europe. In order to be able to realize these plans which are aiming to drag Turkey directly into a "possible" nuclear war and threatening the existence of our country, the Reagan administration signs treaties with the junta of the generals of Turkey. The USA is intensifying its diktat on Turkey for its aggressive aims. On the other hand, the more and more increase of the repression on the democratic and peace forces is closely tied with the support of US imperialism delivered to the junta in this regard. Also the Reagan administration is responsible from all murders, the bloody repression and terror of the junta. If the US administration were not behind it, the junta could not trample the human rights in such dimensions. It is an actual necessity to unite the forces against the efforts Washington's to make Turkey a tool for its aggressive aims in our region, against every effort to torpedo peace, against its plans to drag our country into the fire front of a nuclear war.

The junta which is being isolated inside and outside the country is entering upon more close ties with the US imperialism. While it is trying to consolidate the repressive regime of the future through the anti-democratic laws it is passing one after the other, it is intending to hide the increasing repression on the working class and the democratic forces through the lie of "returning to democracy", and the hard conditions of the toiling masses. The trial against the 52 DİSK leaders at the martial law court according to "war time" regulations with the demand of death punishment is an open proof for that. With this trial where

only the trade union activities are charged they are aiming to exterminate the trade union rights and freedoms of the working class also in the future. In the personality of the 52 trade unionists, they are aiming to abolish the most just right of the toilers, their right to struggle for the improvement of their living conditions. Without the open support of the US imperialism to the junta, it is impossible to open that court case in a such shamelessly manner, while all trade unions of the world, regardless of their opinion, and the forces for freedom and democracy inside and outside our country are expressing their sharp protest. In this regard the position of Reagan who has started an anti-Soviet and socialism hostile campaign supporting the counter revolutionary forces in the People's Republic of Poland and posing as "defender of the human rights" and "friend of the trade unions" as a pretext of interference into the internal affairs, is merely hypocrisy. The crocodile tears shed by the Reagan administration which is keeping silent on, and moreover, defending openly the trampling of the human rights in Turkey, a NATO-country, the mass tortures, the arrests of tens of thousands of people because of political reasons, the trials against the members of the parties, trade unions and associations who have nothing common with terrorism just because of their thoughts and their getting organised, the intensive repression on the Kurdish people and the Kurdish democrats, and the demand of death punishment for the functionaries of the trade unions can not deceive anybody.

We are living in a period when the international events and the developments in our country are closely tied in a such manner. Today to defend peace in the world and to resist all efforts of imperialism, of the US administration hostile to peace, can not be separated from the opposition against the junta and its all efforts hostile to the people. We are calling all people's forces in this critical period which is containing serious dangers in regard with peace in the world and future of our country, to raise the struggle against imperialism and the junta, and to unite for peace, bread, job, land, freedom, democracy, and independence!

TİP
Central Committee

TKP
Central Committee

TSİP
Central Committee

STATEMENT

Recently, the reactionary military dictatorship made another mad and very dangerous step. It has started a new, direct and rude attack against the forces of peace, freedom and democracy. This last attack is one of the important signs of dangerous developments.

This attack was started when Evren, (1) was delivering speeches of "peace, democracy and friendship" in socialist Bulgaria, our neighbour, leaving Ersin (2) at his place. Orhan Apaydın, one of the prominent defenders of the DİSK (3) trial who was thrown out of the hearing room because he opposed the fascist type of procedure, president of the Istanbul Bar Association, and member of the Peace Committee of Turkey, Mahmut Dikerdem, president of the PCT and member of the Presidium of the World Peace Council, Reha İsvan, functionary of the PCT, and together with them numerous progressive people are detained. Many of them are seached for. The detention of these progressive intellectuals

who are known by our people as convinced defenders of peace, freedom and democracy, means at the same time a rude challenge to the peace and democracy forces of the world.

This inconceivable attack followed the very big dimensioned solidarity movement against the trial of the 52 DİSK functionaries with the demand of death punishment, against the severe repression, torture and persecution on the communists, socialists and all progressive patriots. The junta is attacking with feelings of confusion and revenge. The reaction thought that it could deceive everybody with the tortures, with the false trials depending on the efforts of the provocateurs. However, immediately after the start of the trials, the junta and the torturers became the ones who are tried. Now they are intending to silence the progressive lawyers and the democrats. They prohibited that foreign observers follow the trials. The censorship on the press is also hardened. They are trying to come to an end with fascist type trials behind the closed doors and without proves, what ever it might cost.

Undoubtedly, this attack on the peace forces of Turkey, aiming to seal the mouth of our people is not only depending on feelings of confusion and revenge. This attack is inseparable from the accelerated efforts of US imperialism to torpedo peace, and from the dangerous steps of the junta in this direction. The most reactionary and collaborating circles, who intend to progress without restraint in this direction, want to exterminate every obstacle before them. This again proves the vitality of the struggle for peace and its inseparableness from the struggle for democracy.

This attack displayed once more the following: The words of the junta in regard with reestablishment of democracy are ugly deception. While the progressive people are attacked brutally in such dimensions, the leaders of the fascist MHP (4) are released one after the other and this court case is tried to be covered with ashes. If there are still some who believe the words of reestablishment of democracy, this is a warning bell for them.

But this attack is showing also the weakness of the junta. The junta is again stick in the mud. The fascist minded prosecutors of the junta like Takkeci (5) who try to display the Peace Committee of Turkey as a "communist organisation" just because of its membership to the World Peace Council, are working in vain. They will not be able to bring a single proof against these progressive and peace loving forces, like they were not able to accuse the functionaries of DİSK. The solidarity movement will widen furthermore.

All progressive forces inside and outside the country must unite their efforts for stopping this dangerous development and for the peaceful, free and democratic future of our people. They must make more effective and forward steps for the unity of action and for a united front. The Communist Party of Turkey and the communists are working with all their efforts for this aim, and they will continue to work in this direction.

27 February 1982

*Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey*

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- 1) Head of the junta, commander of the General Staff
 - 2) Member of the junta, commander of the land forces
 - 3) Confederation of the Progressive Trade Unions
 - 4) Nationalist Action Party
 - 5) Military prosecutor of the DİSK trial

INTERVIEW BY THE RADIO STATION "VOICE OF THE CPT" WITH
COMRADE İ.BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT

Question: Comrade Bilen, recently, the junta brought new bans on the press and the trade unions. There are new arrests. The raids and persecutions on the workers have been intensified. Under such conditions John Towel, president of the Commission of the Armed Forces of the US Senate, came to Turkey. Haig, who talked with Türkmen (1) in Madrid said: "I don't think yet to go to Turkey, because there is no difference of mind between us." Regarding all these, can we say that the internal and external policy of the junta as well as its general position has become more reactionary?

Comrade Bilen: Yes, this standpoint is correct. We can not separate the internal and external policy of the junta. The junta is inside NATO. Since a long time it is following the wake of US imperialism and Pentagon. Today, the Reagan administration is implementing a mad policy. There is not any rational and realist aspect in its policy. The Reagan administration uses pressure on its NATO allies and its henchmen. It is torpedoing the Madrid Conference. It is resisting the limitation of the nuclear arms which is proposed persistently by the Soviet Union. It is insisting in deploying the death missiles to Europe.

There is a discontent and resistance against this policy even within NATO. However, the foreign minister of the junta, Türkmen, is looking only at Haig. He is regarding Haig as his master.

As you said, Haig is very content. And Towel came at this very moment. Towel came for the implementation of the issues which are decided with Haig. This Towel is head of the US-Turkish Joint Defence Group. He came also last year to Turkey. After that, the "Defence and Cooperation Treaty" was put into force. Now there are problems on the agenda like the Rapid Deployment Force, the increase of the US military presence in the region, the treaty of Joint Defence Group and the involvement of Turkey into new aggressive blocks in the Middle East.

Question: How is all this reflected to the internal policy of the junta?

Comrade Bilen: This policy is leading to further repression of the junta inside. The more the junta comes closer to US imperialism and increases the repression inside, the more the isolation process of it is accelerating. While it is being more isolate, it is becoming more obstinate and more aggressive. Moreover, it could not solve any problem. Prices increase again. The unemployment looks like a catastrophe. In order to hide all this from the people, the junta is fanning anti-communism and chauvinism. Recently, the yellow press is spreading enmity against the Armenians. Anticommunism and chauvinism go hand in hand. This campaign of chauvinism is being stepped up at a time when military maneuvers took place in Erzurum (2). The first genocide on the Armenians took place 1915. They want now to revive this. They try to imitate Enver and Talat (3). This type campaign is also valid today against the Kurdish people. The Kurdish people are today faced with repression, massacres and terror. Chauvinism means war and aggression. Evren said at the manoeuvres: "We shall not repeat the faults in Sarikamış (4) during the First World War". This means repression and brutality on our people. This means taking war-mongering poses against our neighbours, against the socialist countries, and against the Soviet Union.

These developments bring undoubtedly new dangers for peace, for our region and for our people.

Question: Indeed, you have displayed these dangers in your letter, 11 January 1982, to Reagan, the USA president, in front of the world public. What is the real source of the dangers?

Comrade Bilen: This has its source in the policy of tension and confrontation followed by the Reagan administration. The Reagan administration devoted 40 % of the budget for military spendings. Only this fact is enough to display the aim of Reagan. The junta is following the same way. This is the main source of the dangers.

The efforts of US administration to interfere into the domestic affairs of Poland and its support to the junta in Turkey are the consequences of this policy.

Question: The junta turned the court case against DİSK (5) into an open struggle against the working class. But a more and more widening campaign is raising in regard with the DİSK trial. Can you speak about the developments in this regard?

Comrade Bilen: Immediately after the junta seized the power, it has directed its main attack on the working class, as it is demanded by the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie. This revengeful and furious attack lead to protests inside the country as well as in the world. A strong solidarity movement started. The eyes of the world turned to Turkey. Representatives of millions of workers, of the greatest trade union centers of the world came to Turkey, in order to follow the DİSK trial. This court case where together with the functionaries of DİSK thousands of workers are tried, made echos in the European Parliament. It is reflected in the press of socialist and capitalist countries. It lead to protests. Recently, the X. Congress of World Trade Unions, which took place in Havana, dealt with the DİSK trial. Kemal Daysal the member of the Executive Committee of DİSK, at a press conference in Havana, made this trial once more public. As it is seen, this attack of the junta recoiled. It lead to a world-wide and strong solidarity movement. This is an important achievement.

Our working class and our people did not dount in front of the junta. In factories like Eczacıbaşı and Transtürk, which belong to the biggest monopolies, meal boycotts lasting for days took place. The martial law could break the action in the NASAŞ factory only by detaining 300 workers. The reaction among the small producers and the peasants is increasing. The demand for a democratic constitution is covering broad circles.

The actions of the working class and the masses will step up further more. Neither repression, nor terror can prevent this. The solidarity with the people of Turkey which is developping throughout the word, is very important. Warm voices of solidarity is raised from four continents. The Soviet Union, the socialist countries and the peace forces of the world are continuing their solid struggle against the US imperialism, in order to defend peace and detente. This is strengthening also us.

Question: What is the struggle line of the Communist Party of Turkey nowadays, when the dangers have increased and now facilities have arised?

Comrade Bilen: Our party adjusted its tactics and work in accordance with the new conditions at its latest Plenary Meeting. The Communist Party of Turkey protected its cadres and fighting might against the heavy onslaught against it, and replied this attack. With this strength, it gained the facilities for the rallying of the working class and the masses. Today the attacks are continuing. The trials go on. However, our party organisations and the communists

fight unselfishly under hard conditions. The enemies who said: "We have destroyed the CPT" are seeing the concrete results of this work. Recently, many party organisations issued leaflets. The Regional Committees to Marmara and Inner Anatolia distributed leaflets. All these prove that the CPT is preserving its fighting might and struggling.

Question: Recently, the announcement of TİP, TKP and TSİP for joint actions is reflected widely. This is stated in the socialist and progressive press. Can you speak about this important development?

Comrade Bilen: The CPT has always followed a line to enable the unity of the working class. This is the main point. Our party worked for the unity of action and for a united front of the broadest possible democratic forces. This problem is more burning and actual especially these days, when the isolation process of the junta is accelerated. The three parties acted with the consciousness of their historical responsibility. In spite of the differences in opinion, they made this joint step at the very moment. This step can and must be a focus of attraction for the unity of the other democratic forces. The unity of action and the united front can be put into practice.

This is the only way for peace, democracy and freedom, for repelling the attacks of imperialism, of the internal and external reaction and of the junta. Our working class and our people await this from us. The CPT will continue this struggle without deviating one millimeter from the Marxist-Leninist line.

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- 1) Foreign minister of the junta
 - 2) A province in the Northeast of Turkey, near the Soviet Union
 - 3) The architects of the genocide on the Armenians
 - 4) Enver and Talat dragged the Ottoman army into an adventurist war against the tsarist Russia in Sarıkamış where hundreds of thousands of soldiers died from hunger and cold
 - 5) At this trial, death punishment is demanded for 52 trade unionists

CPT PARTICIPATED IN THE XXII. CONGRESS OF THE FRENCH CP

The CPT took part in the XXIV. Congress of the French CP. Comrade Georges Marchais who was reelected as the General Secretary of the CC, expressed the solidarity of the French communists with the CPT and the democratic forces of Turkey in his opening speech.

The representative of the CPT who addressed the XXIV. Congress of the French CP spoke on the aggressive plans of imperialism, the US administration and NATO, and on the repression and terror of the reactionary military dictatorship in Turkey. Gave information on the trials against DİSK and the CPT. Displayed the reactionary and repressive essence of the manoeuvre of the junta under the pretext of "reestablishment of democracy". The representative of the CPT who spoke on the special role given by imperialism to Turkey in the Near and Middle East, declared then the new developing relations between the US administration and the junta. Gave information on the 1981 August

Plenary Meeting of the CC of the CPT. Made the joint announcement and the joint declaration of TİP, TKP and TSİP public. Underlined the importance of this step for our country and internationally.

The representative of the CPT who spoke on the developments in France, on the policy and struggle of the French CP expressed especially gratitude to the French communists who are at the frontmost line with the solidarity movement with the communists and democrats of Turkey.

— from party organs —

Atilim, 1 March 1982

THE INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY

The joint announcement and declaration of TİP, TKP and TSİP lead to broad echoes at the rows of the peace and socialism forces inside and outside the country.

The special issue of *Atilim* on 5 February 1982 and the radio station "Voice of the Communist Party of Turkey" made this important development public to the working class and progressive forces of Turkey. The information coming from the factories and many places of Anatolia shows that this initiative of the three parties is being evaluated among the advanced sections of the working class positively. The appeal was wellcomed also by the immigrant workers in the Western Europe.

Newspaper "Pravda", organ of the CPSU stated that this important meeting of the leaders of the three parties is a step in the direction of the unity of the working class of Turkey and of the creation of a broad front. *Neues Deutschland*, organ of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, and the Bulgarian Radio and TV gave the documents in full text made similar comments. *Unsere Zeit* of the German CP, *Die Wahrheit* of SWP of West Berlin, *Rizospastis* of CP of Greece, *Haravgi* of AKEL, as well as many progressive press organs made these documents public.

These broad and positive reflections show us the importance of the step done by the three parties in intensifying the efforts for unity. On the other hand, this is showing that our responsibility before the working class of Turkey as well as before the international workers' movement increased furthermore. The three parties must now increase their efforts in order to meet the expectations awakened by their joint step.

As comrade Bilen stated on the "Voice of the CPT" on 16 February 1982: "This step can and must be a focus of attraction for the unity of other democratic forces. The unity of action and the united front can be put into practice. This is the only way for peace, democracy and freedom, for repelling the attacks of imperialism, of the internal and external reaction and of the junta. Our working class and our people await this from us. The CPT will continue this struggle without deviating one millimeter from the Marxist-Leninist line."

THE ATTACK ON THE BROADEST FORCES OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY

While General Evren, the president of the National Security Council, was visiting Bulgaria officially at the end of February, 44 functionaries and prominent members of the Peace Committee of Turkey (PCT) are arrested. It is announced that 21 of them are searched for. Among the arrested ones, there are Orhan Apaydın, one of the leading defenders of the DİSK functionaries, president of the Istanbul Bar Association, Mahmut Dikerdem, ex-embassador, member of the Presidium of the World Peace Council and president of the PCT, Reha İsvan, member of the Executive Committee of the PCT and a prominent pedagog, MP's from the People's Republican Party (RPP), journalists like Ali Sirmen, columnist of the daily "Cumhuriyet", Hüseyin Baş, columnist of the daily "Politika", Niyazi Dalyancı, ex-director of the Turkish News Agency, prominent scientists and professors. The arrest of these prominent defenders of the cause of peace and democracy, who belong to different political parties and have different world outlook, lead to comments that the military regime in Turkey is on the way to spread its attacks to the broadest possible sections of the society and to make new steps in the wake of the aggressive policy of imperialism. The fact, that those who are arrested are at the same time persons who oppose the tearing up of the 1961 constitution and defend democracy, displays the real essence of the manoeuvre of the junta of "reestablishment of democracy."

Under which conditions are the prominent members and functionaries of the PCT arrested? What is happening in Turkey on days, when the junta is speaking from "reestablishment of democracy?"

300 patriotic officers and commissional officers are arrested. 52 doctors who helped to the victims of tortures are taken into custody. Fatma Füsün Güner, a woman detainee was thrown from the fifth floor of the İzmir police center. The demand of release of MP's from RPP, Ertuğrul Günay and Temel Ateş, is rejected. Another court case started against the Progressive Teachers Association (Töb-Der), including 54 members. They are threatened with 4,5 years of imprisonment. The military regime declared that it is against the visits of the delegations from the European Parliament and that these visits don't bring any benefits "to Turkey". It said that such delegations will come only with the invitation of the junta. 16 members of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD) are sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment just because of their membership. It is announced that only at the military courts in Istanbul death punishment is demanded for 617 persons and that among them there are not the members of the fascist terrorist gangs. In another court case in İzmir, death punishment is demanded for 39 youngsters from a leftist organisation.

The DİSK trial and the struggle of the workers:

The DİSK trial at which death punishment is demanded for its 52 functionaries continued during February. The military attorney read his indictment

which is full with irrational accusations. At the hearings, 27 trade unionists demanded their release. However, the military court did not take any decision.

While the DİSK trial was continuing, the military regime and the monopolies took a series of anti-worker and anti-trade union decisions. The General Staff prohibited that the trade unions, associations, professional organisations and other organisations invite foreign delegations. This ban is intending to stop the visits of progressive observers from outside who come to follow the DİSK trial and the trials against the CPT and gather information on the situation in Turkey. On the other hand, the General Staff tightened the censorship on press and prohibited the quotations on Turkey from the foreign news papers and from radio stations which are not controlled by the junta.

While the 15th anniversary of the founding of DİSK was approaching, the commander of the martial law to Istanbul prohibited the trade unionists from the still open trade unions to make statements on the commands and statements of the martial law. The delivering of speeches, organising of every kind of meetings, including the entertainment programmes, gaining of new members for the trade unions, making trade union propaganda, speaking on workers' holidays are banned strongly. Again in February, the health personal in the factories are called back. This personal were there for the immediate care in case of an accident. On behalf of the businessmen, Rafet İbrahimoglu demanded that the minimum wage should not increase. On the other hand, Kemal Özer, president of the Mining Federation, declared that, with his daily wage, a worker is able only to buy 600 grammes meat. Price increases took place of 20 % for the petroleum products, 10-40 % for meat, milk, eggs, soap and oils. Under these conditions it is learned that the reactionary law on trade union activities are delivered from the cabinet to the junta. In this law the details of which is not announced, the period for collective bargaining is shortened, as it is learned. A higher organ is foreseen for the collective bargainings which are not settled up in this period. The strikes for rights are banned and the number of the branches where strikes are prohibited are increased three times.

In spite of these conditions and the heavy repression, the working class is continuing its struggle. 19 workers in Tarih factory in İzmir are dismissed because of their participating in a meal boycott. In a factory in Istanbul, the workers achieved their demands through a meal boycott lasting for three days, but 20 workers are detained. In the NASAŞ factory in Gebze, after a successful action, the factory was raided by air forces for the second time. 300 hundred workers are detained.

The immigrant workers' organisations in Federal Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and France applied with a letter to the Madrid Conference and displayed the situation in Turkey. They gave concrete examples that the events in Turkey contradict the human rights as well as the Final Act of Helsinki.

During February, the solidarity with the functionaries of DİSK developed and strengthened on world scale. At the X. Congress of the World Trade Unions in Havana, in the concluding resolution, attention is drawn on the situation in Turkey and it is stated: "The world trade union movement condemns the severe repression on the trade unions in Turkey and the complete abolition of the trade union rights and democratic freedoms. The Congress declares its broad solidarity with DİSK and demands the military regime to stop immediately the so-called trial against DİSK at which 52 functionaries are tried with the demand of

death punishment. All trade unionists in Turkey, who are arrested, must be released and the trade union rights and democratic freedoms must be respected completely."

During February, the International Confederation of the Free Trade Unions and numerous national trade union organisations stepped up the solidarity with DİSK. Eugen Loderer, president of IG-Metall of F.Germany, characterized the DİSK trial: "a show trial of the dictators". The organs of the fraternal communist and workers' parties issued numerous articles, news and comments on the trial. From every corner of the world, thousands of protest telegrams were sent to the junta. The youth organisation of the SPD from F.Germany JUSOS, protested the DİSK trial with a statement. In France prominent artists and intellectuals, Luis Aragon, Juliet Greco among them, expressed their solidarity with DİSK. 150 lawyers from the French Bar Association declared that they accepted the demand of the defenders of DİSK and they are ready to take over the defence of the leaders of DİSK.

The 15th anniversary of the founding of DİSK celebrated:

Under these conditions, the 15th anniversary of the founding of DİSK is celebrated. On this occasion, "Flashes", organ of the World Federation of Trade Unions, published a special issue. Here the struggle of DİSK from its founding on, the trial against DİSK and the developments in Turkey are explained.

On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the founding of DİSK, workers from DİSK and Türk-İş (the open trade union center) organised together various actions throughout Turkey. In Istanbul, Ankara ve numerous big cities, protest actions were organised condemning the DİSK trial, the repression, the tortures and the arrests. In hundreds of factories, settlements and in the streets, leaflets were distributed. The party organisations, the advanced workers, workers from DİSK and Türk-İş took part in these actions. The 15th anniversary of the founding of DİSK was celebrated with the spirit of unity of action and slogans for a united front. The progressive youth supported this campaign with leaflets, actions like writing slogans in the streets, and distributing small posters. Thousands of letters and post cards are sent to the tried DİSK leaders underlining the solidarity of the broadest forces with them.

On this occasion, a "telephone action campaign" is organised. Through telephone to the journalists, politicians, prominent writers, and professors, concrete information is delivered on the essence of the DİSK trial, on the tortures and on the broad solidarity outside the country with the democratic forces of Turkey.

The 15th anniversary of the founding of DİSK is celebrated also outside the country. In 26 cities of Federal Germany Turkish and Kurdish workers, other immigrant workers and the German workers organised joint torch marches on 5 February. In Alsace province in France, mass demonstrations are organised under the slogan "Freedom for the 52 functionaries of DİSK". In Strasbourg, in front of the European Parliament a meeting took place. At the following press conference, the DİSK trial and the repression in Turkey was made public. In the Netherlands, similar demonstrations took place. On February the 1st, at a joint meeting of Union of the Progressives from Turkey and the General Confederation of Sweden, the same demands were expressed. In West Berlin thousands of Turkish and Kurdish workers participated in the meeting under the slogans "DİSK can not be prohibited", "DİSK is 15 years of age", "freedom to the 52's".

At this meeting, Süleyman Üstün on behalf of DİSK, Necati Gürbaca on behalf of IG-Metall, and Werner Ruhnke on behalf of ÖTV addressed the workers.

In Amsterdam, Metin Denizmen, president of the Workers in the Banking Brach, addressed the meeting organised by different Trade Unions of the Netherlands, by the Solidarity Committees with DİSK, and by the Union of Progressive Workers. At the meetings in Essen and Frankfurt a.M. in Federal Germany, Yaşar Arkan, Murat Tokmak, Turhan Ata, Selahhattin Uyar, Aydın Yeşilyurt and Bahtiyar Erkul made joint appeals for unity. These meetings were also supported by Kemal Daysal, member of the Executive Committee of DİSK, and Mehmet Karaca, president of Metallurgist Workers' Trade Union affiliated to DİSK.

Also the meetings and demonstrations on the 15th anniversary of the founding of DİSK outside the country were organised in the spirit and will of unity of action. All these joint demonstrations and meetings paved the way for much more stronger joint actions.

The court cases against CPT and TİP:

In February, many persons who are tried at the court case against the fascist MHP, the party which played the leading role in the stepping up of terrorism in Turkey, were released one after the other. On the other hand, new trials against the workers' parties have been started.

On 15 February 1982, the "CPT trial" in Ankara started, including 220 patriots. At this trial at the 2nd Martial Law Court in Ankara, 8-15 years imprisonment is demanded for the patriots. Among the accusations, there are such items like insulting the head of the state, writing articles with ideological aims, hanging posters, distributing leaflets, and founding and leading secret organisations. As the sole proof against the patriots, the statements under severe tortures are shown. At the first hearing of the Ankara trial against the CPT the women protested against the tortures. They spoke on the tortures and demanded the arrest of the torturers. Halis Baysal, the judge of the hearing accused the women with "making propaganda". Meral Cebe delivered then a doctor report to the court proving the tortures. Then, the court had to take this report into consideration.

On the other hand, the Regional Committee of the CPT to Inner Anatolia distributed leaflets on this court case. In the leaflet, the onslaught of the reaction against the CPT is displayed, and the just targets of struggle of the CPT are made public.

In Istanbul, at the 2nd Martial Law Court, a court case started against the founders and functionaries of TİP (Workers' Party of Turkey), including 80 persons. 36 years of imprisonment is demanded for the functionaries of TİP, which entered the parliament 1965 with 13 MP's.

TO THE XXIV. CONGRESS OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of the communists of Turkey and the working class and the toilers of our country, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey conveys its best wishes and revolutionary greetings to the XXIV. Congress of the fraternal French Communist Party.

Comrades,

The XXIV. Congress of the French Communist Party takes place in a historical period in the world, as well as in France.

Imperialism, first of all the US administration and the ruling circles of NATO, regarding that 1.5 billions persons orient towards building socialism, that the struggle for national and social liberation raised, put their hope on the policy of confrontation with the socialist countries and on a general attack on the forces of peace, democracy, national independence and social progress. Therefore, at the expence of endangering the future of the humanity and of a nuclear war, they are reviving the methods of the coldwar and trying to interfere into the domestic affairs of all countries. The plans of the deployment of new US missiles to Western Europe, the murder of thousands of patriots in El Salvador, the intention of dragging Turkey into imperialist adventures, these are the indications of this disgusting policy.

As it is stated by the French Communist Party, the curbing and the repelling of this policy is an urgent task of all forces for peace and progress, first of all of the communists. The socialist countries, first of all the Soviet Union, are at the head of those forces who enabled that the mankind could live in peace for 37 years. The peace proposals of the XXIV. Congress of the CPSU and a series of concrete and constructive proposals declared by comrade Brezhnev, are the most solid guarantees for those forces who are struggling for peace and progress.

The XXIV. Congress of the French Communist Party takes place in a period, when the French people expressed openly that it is for change, and the first steps in the direction of change is going to be done. The French Communist Party which is struggling for taking of the country out of crises and leading France into a process of social, economic and political upsurges, is faced with a great responsibility. It is working uninterruptedly for the unity of the broadest possible forces of peace and democracy. We wish great success to you in realizing all the tasks which will be decided over by the XXIV. Congress of the French Communist Party.

Comrades,

The reactionary military dictatorship in Turkey is ruling for 17 months. You know very well the repression, brutality, persecutions, tortures and attacks on the trade union and political organisations of the working class by this reactionary military regime. The communists of our country and the forces of peace and democracy feel a great pleasure that the French Communist Party is at the frontmost line in the solidarity movement in France with the working class and democratic forces of Turkey. We want here to express our deep gratitude to you, to all French communists, first of all to comrade Georges Marchais for this internationalist solidarity.

One thing we want to underline is the following: The Reagan administration and the bosses of NATO who keep silent cunningly in regard with repression and brutality in Turkey and who regard these in favour for their aggressive policy in the Near and Middle East, do not have the right to speak on "democracy" and "trade union rights" in regard with the measures taken by the legitimate government in socialist Poland. Today those trade unionists who are accused with trade union activity and are therefore threatened with death punishment, are in Turkey. Among the signatories of the Helsinki Final Act, the sole country, where the communist part is banned, is Turkey. The sole country in Europe where the communists are persecuted and tried according to laws of the Mussolini time, is again Turkey.

The Communist Part of Turkey wishes great success to the XXIV. Congress of the

French Communist Party, with which it is bound on the basis of common struggle aims and internationalist solidarity.
Long live the French Communist Party!

3 February 1982

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General Secretary
CC,CPT

**TO COMRADE GEORGES MARCHAIS
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE FRENCH CP**

Esteemed comrade Georges Marchais,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, I congratulate You cordially on the occasion of Your re-election as the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party.

The XXIV. Congress of the French Communist Party was a concrete example of warm solidarity in the struggle for peace, democracy and socialism, in the common cause of the communist and workers' parties. The communists of Turkey feel a great pleasure that the traditional relations among our parties, laid down by comrade Jacques Sadoul who participated in the II. Congress of the Communist Party of Turkey and by comrades Cachin and Thorez, are developing and strengthening. Your solidarity and the solidarity of the French Communist Party with the communists, peace and democratic forces of our country, are strengthening our common struggle.

Esteemed comrade Georges Marchais,

In these responsible days, we wish You great success in Your responsible duty, health and well-being.

8 February 1982

With our communist greetings

İ.Bilen
General Secretary
CC,CPT

**TO COMRADE WILLIAM KASHTAN
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CP OF CANADA**

Esteemed comrade William Kashtan,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey and on my own behalf, I congratulate You on the occasion of Your re-election as the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Canada, and convey our best wishes.

The XXV. Congress of the Communist Party of Canada took place in a period, when great tasks are awaiting the communists in the international field, first of all the task of preserving peace and preventing a nuclear war. Your Congress discussed the urgent problems in the international life with a great responsibility. The Communist Party of Canada is at the front most line of the struggle of the working class and the people of Canada.

The Communist Party of Turkey and the Communist Party of Canada are bound fraternally on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

Esteemed comrade William Kashtan,

We wish You great success in Your responsible duty, health and well-being.

17 February 1982

With our communist greetings

İ.Bilen
General Secretary
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